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In re US Patent Application of)

Thomas W. Astle) Art Unit: 1743

Serial No. 09/198,018)

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Title: ULTRA HIGH THROUGHPUT BIOASSAY)

SCREENING SYSTEM) Date: April 3, 2001.

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington DC 20231

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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

John H. Crozier
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Date 04/03/01 Regis. No. 30,371

This is in response to the Office Action mailed January 3, 2001, and having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire April 3, 2001.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 12, line 19, please insert following "allows" --- a plurality of passageways
B1 84 formed in ---

At page 12, line 21, please insert at end of line --- As shown on Figure 4,
B2 passageways 84 and holes 70 are aligned. ---

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